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Chris,

I do not recommend ceasing the H2S monitoring at this time. I understand your rationale but OAR wants this step to be documented and coordinated through the Air Committee and EOC before ceasing the H2S monitoring.

We have started the issue paper that will lay out our exit strategy but we are not complete with it and it will still need to be vetted and coordinated with OAQPS, OAR and the EOC through the Air Committee.

Once again I understand your technical justification but we need to have this step be a coordinated and vetted process.

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▼ Christopher Ruhl---06/04/2010 04:03:30 PM---Planning/Environmental Unit I visited with Jon Raucher and Maria Martinez earlier in the week about

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#### Planning/Environmental Unit

I visited with Jon Raucher and Maria Martinez earlier in the week about potentially stopping the monitoring for H2S. The primary reason for this is to move to the use of the mini rae systems. The mini rae system allows for constant data transfer which allows us to be more responsive to spikes of VOCs. The mini raes are currently operational and have been so for several days. I would like you review the data available to determine if the cessation of the H2S monitoring is appropriate. If it is we need to develop something that justify such an action. To accomplish this I would like you to look at least the following items at a minimum: discharged oil analysis for the presence of H2S, dispersant analysis for the presence of H2S and the history of data that we have recorded for the presence of H2S. One key characteristic of H2S is its odor. In the event that we get an odor complaint consistent with H2S we will maintain the capability to conduct mobile H2S monitoring. As well please review the data that we have and determine if we can discontinue the monitoring for O2, LEL, and CO. All three have exhibited normal reading as we would

expect and I believe the data supports the discontinuing of it.

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